

**HOUGHTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 11, 2023**

The Houghton County Board of Commissioners held a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. in the Circuit Court Room of the Courthouse, City of Houghton with the public viewing in person and by Zoom.

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tikkanen at 4:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Tikkanen.

Roll Call:

The following Commissioners responded to roll call done by the County Clerk, Jennifer Kelly:

Tom Tikkanen, District 1; Joel Keranen, District 2; Glenn Anderson, District 3; Gretchen Janssen, District 4; Roy Britz, District 5.

Approval of Minutes March 14th Regular Meeting & April 3rd Special Meeting:

A Motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Keranen to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2023 and April 3, 2023 minutes as presented.

The Motion carried by a voice vote. Ayes 5, Nays 0.

Approval of Agenda:

A Motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Keranen to adopt the Agenda as presented.

The Motion carried by a voice vote. Ayes 5, Nays 0.

Public Comments:

Faith Morrison addressed the Board regarding 2 of the Resolutions. She asked the Board to Vote yes on the Health Code, and to vote no on the Constitutional Rights Resolutions.

William Keith addressed the Board regarding 2 of the Resolutions. He asked the Board to Vote yes on the Health Code, and to vote no on the Constitutional Rights Resolutions.

Jim Laurenson from Gogebic County addressed the Board and stated their Board had adopted the Health Code Resolution.

Dan Holcomb addressed the Board and asked the Board to vote yes on the Constitutional Rights Resolution.

Michael Locko stated he supports the Health Code Resolution.

Craig Waddell addressed the Board and felt the Board should leave the Constitutional Rights Resolution to be decided by the Judicial System.

Garrett Gustafson stated he supports the Health Code Resolution.

Jeanine Stephenson addressed the Board and asked the Board to vote no on the Constitutional Rights Resolution.

Jeff Ratcliffe addressed the Board and stated the KEDA Board of Directors support the Health Code Resolution.

William Lahti addressed the Board and stated he was against the Health Code Resolution and was supporting the Constitutional Rights Resolution.

Teresa Kariniemi addressed the Board and stated she was against the Health Code Resolution and was supporting the Constitutional Rights Resolution.

Joan Kopp stated she supports the Health Code Resolution.

Elizabeth Beni stated she supports the Health Code Resolution.

Lori Burford stated she supports the Health Code Resolution.

Steve Sutton stated he supports the Health Code Resolution.

Matthew Johnson stated he supports the Health Code Resolution.

Matt Keith stated he supports the Constitutional Rights Resolution.

John Hayward stated he supports the Constitutional Rights Resolution.

Christina Seppala stated she is against the Constitutional Rights Resolution.

Miriam Higgins stated she is against the Constitutional Rights Resolution.

June Schumacher Chadde stated she is against the Constitutional Rights Resolution.

Leon Somero stated he supports the Constitutional Rights Resolution.

A woman from Twin Lakes stated she was against the Constitutional Rights Resolution.

Walter Casey addressed the Board about gun rights.

Bucky Beach stated other branches of government should be deciding on the Constitutional Rights Resolution.

Kevin Hupp stated he supports the Constitutional Rights Resolution.

Susan Burack stated she is against the Constitutional Rights Resolution.

Pete (last name unknown) stated he is against the Constitutional Rights Resolution and felt the Courts should decide.

Cindy Barth addressed the Board about gun rights.

Karin Cooper addressed the Board and questioned the Board if Houghton County could be opening themselves up to legal issues by approving the Constitutional Rights Resolution.

Jeremy Copponen stated he supports the Constitutional Rights Resolution.

Sharon Foix stated she supports the Constitutional Rights Resolution.

Horst Schmidt stated he is against the Constitutional Rights Resolution and supports the Health Code Resolution.

Karen Timmonen addressed the Board and stated she is against the Health Code Resolution.

Jack Dueweke supported the Constitutional Rights Resolution.

Shawn Yauman stated he supports the Constitutional Rights Resolution.

Approval of Bills -\$2,199,510.87:

A Motion was made by Commissioner Janssen and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to approve paying the bills submitted of \$2,199,510.87.

The Motion carried by the following vote.

YES: Janssen, Anderson, Tikkanen, Keranen, Britz 5.

NO: None 0.

Correspondence:

None.

Reports:

Standing Committee:

Commissioner Janssen reported to the Board on the following:

She would discuss later in the Agenda.

Commissioner Britz had nothing to report to the Board.

Commissioner Anderson reported to the Board on the following:

Camp Kitwen has been sold and will be used as a self-storage business for \$76,000.

He stated the deadline for applications for the Circuit Judge appointment will be on 4/18/23. The appointment will be done by the Governor.

May election: There will be a countywide election on 5/2/23. The Houghton County Road Commission has a renewal on the ballot.

He thanked Elizabeth Bjorn for her years of service.

He stated Representative Markkanen was leaving for Finland.

Commissioner Keranen had nothing to report to the Board.

Chairman Tikkanen had nothing to report to the Board.

County Officers:

Sheriff Saaranen stated there have been 650 complaints for 2023, and currently there are 23 inmates. He stated he is willing to discuss any issues with a person or groups regarding the Constitutional Rights Resolution.

Dennis Hext, Airport Manager, stated there was a charter of 180 people leaving for Laughlin. They received a \$713,900 grant for the runway.

Old Business:

1. American Rescue Plan (CSLFRF) \$6.8 million

There is \$781,563 left in ARPA funds.

2. WUPHD-Environmental Health Code Resolution #23-08

Commissioner Anderson stated he is in favor of the new Health Code and felt it is better than the 2019 Health Code for residential and commercial use. There will be no fee increase.

Commissioner Janssen stated she was in favor of the Health Code.

Commissioner Britz stated he was relying on the experts.

Commissioner Keranen stated several people had contacted him. He felt there were seven (7) areas in the Health Code that should have facts and data. The current Code was in place for 25 years and felt 30 words should be changed to protect the Houghton County workers and citizens.

Chairman Tikkanen applauded the public processor, and the 3 Commissioners on the Health Department.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Janssen to approve the WUPHD Environmental Health Code Resolution #23-08 as presented.

The Motion carried by the following vote.

YES: Anderson, Janssen, Tikkanen, Britz 4.

NO: Keranen 1.

**RESOLUTION NO. #2023-08
UPPER PENINSULA ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH CODE**

At a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the County of Houghton, Michigan, held in the Houghton County building located in Houghton, Michigan, on the 11th day of April, 2023.

PRESENT: Tikkanen, Keranen, Anderson, Janssen, Britz.

ABSENT: None.

The following resolution was offered by Commissioner Anderson and supported by Commissioner Janssen.

WHEREAS, Michigan law, being 1978 PA 368, Sec. 244(1), requires that a regulation of a district health department be approved by the governing entity of each of its members;

WHEREAS, this county is a member of the Western Upper Peninsula Health Department which is a district health department and the Board of Commissioners is the governing entity of this county;

WHEREAS, this county has the right to determine whether the proposed regulation will apply to this county; and

WHEREAS, this county does not wish to deprive other members of the district health department from deciding whether the proposed regulation should apply in their own counties.

BE IT RESOLVED that the attached regulation adopted by the Board of Health of the Western Upper Peninsula Health Department known as the Upper Peninsula Environmental Health Code is approved and further

 X the Superior Environmental Health Code shall apply to this county

 the Superior Environmental Health Code shall not apply to this county

YES: Anderson, Janssen, Tikkanen, Britz (4).

NO: Keranen (1).

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Tom Tikkanen, Chairman
Houghton County Board of Commissioners

Date

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
) ss.
COUNTY OF HOUGHTON)

I hereby certify that the foregoing is true and complete copy of a Resolution adopted by the County of Houghton, Michigan at a meeting of its Board of Commissioners on the 11th day of April, 2023 the original of which Resolution is on file in my office. I further certify that the meeting was held and the minutes therefore were filed in compliance with Act No. 267 of the Public acts of 1976.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereinto affixed my official signature this 11th day of April, 2023.

Jennifer Kelly
Houghton County Clerk/Register of Deeds
County of Houghton

3. Opioid Resolution #23-09 Walmart, Allergan, Teva & CVS Settlements

Administrator Bjorn informed the Board that they needed to approve this Resolution.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Britz to approve Resolution #23-09 as presented.

The Motion carried by the following vote.

YES: Anderson, Britz, Tikkanen, Keranen, Janssen 5.
NO: None. 0

**HOUGHTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION #2023-09**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ENTRY OF PARTICIPATION AGREEMENTS IN PARTIAL SETTLEMENT OF THE NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION OPIATE LITIGATION AND ENTRY OF STATE LOCAL GOVERNMENT INTRASTATE AGREEMENT CONCERNING ALLOCATION OF SETTLEMENT PROCEEDS

WHEREAS, the Houghton County Board of Commissioners filed a lawsuit to address the public nuisance that is the Opioid Epidemic, which named, among other companies, the following four Defendants (“Settling Defendants”):

1. Teva Pharmaceuticals Industries Ltd. (a prescription opioids manufacturer);
2. Allergan Finance, LLC (a prescription opioids manufacturer);
3. CVS Health Corp. and CVS Pharmacy, Inc. (a prescription opioids distributor); and
4. Walmart, Inc. (a prescription opioids distributor);

AND WHEREAS the Settling Defendants have negotiated proposed national settlement agreements (“Proposed Settlements”) with the State Attorneys General, and a Plaintiff Executive Committee-designated negotiating committee that represents approximately 4,000 local governments that have brought lawsuits similar to Houghton County’s lawsuit;

AND WHEREAS the Proposed Settlements contain significant equitable and monetary relief, including:

1. An agreement to pay (a) up to \$3.34 billion over the next 13 years by Teva; (b) up to \$2.02 billion over 7 years by Allergan; (c) \$4.9 billion over the next ten years by CVS; and (d) \$2.74 billion within six years by Walmart. The bulk of each of these payments will be dedicated to funding abatement and prevention strategies associated with the opioids public nuisance;
2. An agreement by Teva and Allergan to abide by strict limitations on their marketing, promotion, sale, and distribution of opioids, including a ban on (a) promotion and lobbying; (b) rewarding or disciplining employees based on volume of opioid sales; and (c) funding or grants to third parties; and
3. An agreement by CVS and Walmart to implement changes in how they handle opioids, including requirements addressing: their compliance structures; pharmacist judgment; diversion prevention; suspicious order monitoring; and reporting on red-flag processes, as well as blocked and potentially problematic prescribers.

AND WHEREAS Houghton County previously executed Participation Agreements for the Distributor and Janssen Settlements, which have conferred and continue to confer valuable benefits;

AND WHEREAS the Proposed Settlements each contain a “default” allocation method where settlement funds that are allocated to a particular state to resolve the claims asserted by state and local governments within that state are allocated as follows:

- 15% of settlement proceeds paid under the Proposed Settlements are allocable to the State;
- 15% of the settlement proceeds are allocable to local governments; and
- 70% of the settlement proceeds are allocable to an opioid abatement fund;

AND WHEREAS the Proposed Settlements enable the state and local governments within a State to negotiate alternative allocation methods to the “default” allocation method referenced above;

AND WHEREAS Houghton County desires to enter into an alternative allocation method which allocates settlement funds on a 50/50 basis to:

1. Participating Local Governments who have elected to participate in the Proposed Settlements; and
2. the State of Michigan.

AND WHEREAS Houghton County previously executed the Michigan State-Subdivision Agreement for Allocation of Distributor Settlement Agreement and Janssen Settlement Agreement, which allocated funds attributed to the State of Michigan in a streamlined and equitable manner;

NOW THEREFORE, Houghton County authorizes the execution of Participation Agreements for: (1) the Master Settlement Agreement with Teva Pharmaceuticals Industries Ltd.; (2) the Master Settlement Agreement with Allergan Finance, LLC; (3) the Master Settlement Agreement with CVS Health Corp. and CVS Pharmacy, Inc.; and (4) the Master Settlement Agreement with Walmart, Inc., each of which are listed and available to the public at <https://nationalopioidsettlement.com/>. Specimen copies of the material terms of the participation agreements are attached as Exhibit A to this resolution.

Houghton County also authorizes the execution of a new Michigan State-Subdivision Agreement For Allocation of Allergan, Teva, CVS, and Walmart Settlement Agreements substantially similar to the proposed agreement attached as Exhibit B to this resolution. Houghton County also authorizes execution of a similar state-subdivision agreement to the extent that it provides a substantially similar allocation of settlement or bankruptcy proceeds obtained from opioids litigation with any other entity.

THEREFORE, for the avoidance of doubt, Houghton County also authorizes its continued participation in the Distributor Settlement Agreement, the Janssen Settlement Agreement, and the Michigan State-Subdivision Agreement for the Allocation of Distributor Settlement Agreement and Janssen Settlement Agreement, all previously executed.

A Motion was offered at a regular meeting of the Houghton County Board of Commissioners on Tuesday, April 11, 2023.

Adopted this 11th day of April, 2023.

Motion Moved By: Commissioner Anderson

Motion Supported By: Commissioner Britz

Roll Call Vote: Yes: Anderson, Britz, Tikkanen, Keranen, Janssen (5).

No: None (0).

Motion Carried:

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Tom Tikkanen, Chairman
Houghton County Board of Commissioners

Date

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
) ss.
COUNTY OF HOUGHTON)

I hereby certify that the foregoing is true and complete copy of a Resolution adopted by the County of Houghton, Michigan at a meeting of its Board of Commissioners on the 11th day of April, 2023 the original of which Resolution is on file in my office. I further certify that the meeting was held and the minutes therefore were filed in compliance with Act No. 267 of the Public acts of 1976.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereinto affixed my official signature this 11th day of April, 2023.

Jennifer Kelly
Houghton County Clerk/Register of Deeds
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New Business:

1. Houghton County Audit Report-Anderson, Tackman and Co PLC

Ken Talsma from Anderson, Tackman and Company went over the handouts he provided to the Board. He stated the County received a clean opinion. He discussed the graphs and stated the County has a safe fund balance.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Janssen to approve the Houghton County Audit Report as presented.

The Motion carried by the following vote.

YES: Anderson, Janssen, Tikkanen, Keranen, Britz 5.

NO: None. 0

2. Affirming Support of All Constitutional Rights Resolution #23-10

Pastor, Brian Mason, stated he was a part of the Concerned Citizens Group that prepared the Resolution.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Keranen and seconded by Commissioner Britz to approve Resolution #23-10 as presented.

Commissioner Janssen stated she appreciated the mental health funding in the Resolution. She discussed some gun violence statistics.

Commissioner Britz stated this Resolution would not make Houghton County a Sanctuary. He discussed how legislatures created laws where people cannot be incarcerated.

Commissioner Anderson thanked speakers for agreeing Houghton County needs mental health services. 911 radios have been budgeted to provide the radios to the schools.

The Motion carried by the following vote.

YES: Keranen, Britz, Tikkanen, Anderson 4.

NO: Janssen 1.

**RESOLUTION AFFIRMING SUPPORT OF ALL CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS,
INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE TO KEEP AND
BEAR ARMS; ALSO, TO ADEQUATELY FUND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IN
HOUGHTON COUNTY RESOLUTION #23-10
BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF HOUGHTON COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the issue of constitutional rights, including but not limited to, the Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America has been in the spotlight of public discussion of recent;

WHEREAS, public discussion of such constitutional rights is a hallmark of public discourse in a Constitutional Republic;

WHEREAS, some individuals are of the belief that county government has the authority to not enforce duly adopted laws, regulations and/or rules, which are claimed to be in conflict with constitutional rights of individuals within the State of Michigan and the United States of America;

WHEREAS, all elected county and state office holders take an oath of office under which the office holder supports the Constitution of the United States of America and Constitution of Michigan and to faithfully discharge the duties of such offices;

WHEREAS, the lawful ownership, possession and use of firearms is part of the cultural heritage within Houghton County, Michigan;

WHEREAS, it is common for firearms to be family heirlooms that pass from generation to generation as a permanent connection of the past to the present within extended families;

WHEREAS, funding for mental health services in the State of Michigan is woefully underfunded causing a failure to adequately provide services to persons of the State of Michigan whom are in need of mental health services; and

WHEREAS, recent high profile firearm shootings involved many individuals that have mental health issues the mental health systems nationwide failed to timely, appropriately and adequately provide services to such individuals;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the **BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HOUGHTON COUNTY** does support and will continue to honor the pledge to support the Constitution of the United States of America as well as the Constitution of the State of Michigan, including all amendments thereto;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the **BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HOUGHTON COUNTY** direct our legislators whom act as representatives of the People of the State of Michigan to:

A. Not undertake legislation that is in conflict with the Second Amendment to the United States of America and Article 1 § 6 of the Michigan Constitution of 1963, including:

1. Red Flag Laws, excluding the present Personal Protection Order process;
2. Registration requirements of full or long firearms;
3. Mandatory storage schemes for firearms
4. Additional limitations on the lawful ownership and use of firearms; and
5. Adoption of other schemes of regulation of firearms that infringe on the foregoing Constitutional guarantees of the People of the State of Michigan.

B. Adhere to their oath of office and not adopt legislation, rules, regulations and/or requirements That conflict with the Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States and Article 1 § 6 of the Michigan Constitution and any final judicial determinations thereto;

C. Adequately fund mental health services available in all our communities to provide for timely Intervention with appropriate and adequate mental health services as an investment in the Human capital of all persons of the State of Michigan; and

D. Insure that the providing of adequately funded mental health services is accomplished by Methods that do not infringe on the statutory and constitutional rights of those in need of Mental health services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That if in exercise of discretion by the Office of Sheriff and Office of Prosecuting Attorney both of Houghton County, determine that a law has been adopted which may violate the Constitution of the United States of America, the Constitution of the State of Michigan, and any final judicial determinations thereto, that the **BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HOUGHTON COUNTY** supports the lawful exercise of discretion not to enforce an unconstitutional law against any law abiding person within Houghton County;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the **BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HOUGHTON COUNTY** directs its staff to provide a copy of this Resolution to:

A. Each township in the County of Houghton;

- B. Each city and village in the County of Houghton;
- C. Each department head of the County of Houghton;
- D. Each county in the State of Michigan;
- E. The Michigan House of Representative;
- F. The Michigan Senate;
- G. The Governor of the State of Michigan
- H. Each United States Senator for the State of Michigan; and
- I. Each United States Congressman for the State of Michigan.

Approved by the Group of Concerned Citizens of Houghton County March 23, 2023.

A Motion was offered at a regular meeting of the Houghton County Board of Commissioners on Tuesday, April 11, 2023.

Adopted this 11th day of April, 2023.

Motion Moved By: Commissioner Keranen

Motion Supported By: Commissioner Britz

Roll Call Vote: Yes: Keranen, Britz, Tikkanen, Anderson (4).

No: Janssen (1).

Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

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3. Traverse Engineering Proposal-Jail Roof Repair

The Board agreed to move this discussion to the May 2023 Agenda.

4. Houghton County Remonumentation Contracts-Joe Foster

Joe Foster stated there were 38 corners done in 2022 and 41 will be done in 2023.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Janssen to approve the Houghton County Remonumentation service agreement and contract as presented.

The Motion carried by a voice vote. Ayes 5, Nays 0.

5. Houghton County Land Bank

Lisa Mattila, County Treasurer, stated there were 3,022 delinquent parcels. There were 315 forfeitures in 2021 taxes, and 9 foreclosures in the 2020 taxes. There are 7 more properties in 2022 in need of destruction. The 8 blighted properties in 2022 have had 5 demolished, and 3 are in the process of being demolished.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Keranen to accept the Houghton County Land Bank Report as presented.

The Motion carried by a voice vote. Ayes 5, Nays 0.

6. Houghton County Equalization

Jaikob Djerf, Interim Equalization Director, gave the following information to the Board for the 2023 SEV Report:

For 2023, the SEV of the county is 1,575,916,032

Overall, between 2022 and 2023, there was an increase in the total assessed & equalized values of 155,370,280 or approximately a 10.94% increase / Personal Property in the County Increased by 1,608,984 or approximately a 2.18% increase.

The top four units for Assessed & Equalized value are:

1. Houghton City – 213,656,357
2. Portage Twp – 189,416,224...
3. Hancock City – 178,006,265
4. Torch Lake Twp – 168,258,742

For 2023, the Taxable Value of the county is 1,148,620,956

Overall, between 2022 and 2023, there was an increase in the total taxable values of 78,234,791 or approximately a 7.31% increase.

The top four units for Taxable value are:

1. Houghton City – 173,102,297
2. Hancock City – 134,135,872
3. Portage Twp – 132,364,555
4. Calumet Twp – 120,132,336

A Motion was made by Commissioner Britz and seconded by Commissioner Janssen to accept the 2023 SEV Report as presented.

The Motion carried by a voice vote. Ayes 5, Nays 0.

7. Houghton County Child Support Application-Prosecuting Attorney's Office

Becky Wakeham from the Prosecuting Attorney's Office stated the grant is good for 5 years and the County gets a 66% reimbursement. The 2024 amount will be \$129,481.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Janssen and seconded by Commissioner Britz to approve the Houghton County Child Support Application as presented.

The Motion carried by a voice vote. Ayes 5, Nays 0.

8. Renaming the Solid Waste Committee to Materials Management Committee

Commissioner Janssen stated WUPPDR presented a materials management plan, and the County will receive money according to ACT 115.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Janssen and seconded by Commissioner Keranen to change the Solid Waste Committee name to Materials Management Committee as presented.

The Motion carried by a voice vote. Ayes 5, Nays 0.

9. UPACC Spring Conference

A Motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Janssen to authorize the Commissioners and the County Clerk to attend the Conference if they are able to attend.

The Motion carried by a voice vote. Ayes 5, Nays 0.

10. Admin Offices

Administrator Bjorn stated her last day will be on April 21, 2023. She met with the Personnel Committee and recommends Ben Larson receive 14 months prior service credit, and be increased to \$92,000 which was the pay he was at when he left employment with the County.

Administrator Bjorn also requested Becky Ylitalo's title be changed from Accountant to Chief Financial Officer at a MP-9 rate. Administrator Bjorn stated the Accountant title goes away for now along with the Controller position.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Britz and seconded by Commissioner Keranen to approve both of Administrator Bjorn's recommendations as presented.

The Motion carried by the following vote.

YES: Britz, Keranen, Tikkanen, Anderson, Janssen 5.

NO: None 0.

11. Letter of Support-Township of Greenland

A Motion was made by Commissioner Keranen and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to send the letter of Support for the Township of Greenland.

The Motion carried by a voice vote. Ayes 5, Nays 0.

12. Karhu Cyber (FOUO)

Chairman Tikkanen stated the report is not subject to FOIA.

13. Treatment Court Opioid Settlement Consideration

The Board discussed a letter from Judge Brennan, and stated the Judge met with the Commissioners. Commissioner Anderson stated there should be a work session with the Judges and Dial Help this summer.

Chairman Tikkanen requested the Administrator send a letter to Judge Brennan and the Board will follow up at a later time.

14. Travel

- a. **Building Department-COCM 2023 Spring Conference-\$755.00**
- b. **Building Department-Chad Hammerstrom & Dan Kilpela-MIAM-PIAM \$1,0000**

Motion was made by Commissioner Keranen and seconded by Commissioner Janssen to authorize the above-mentioned Travel requests as presented.

The Motion carried by a voice vote. Ayes 5, Nays 0.

15. Appropriations:

- a. **MIDC-2nd 1/2 Appropriation-\$60,682.04**
- b. **MSU 3rd Quarter (April-June 2023)-\$10,625.00**
- c. **Western Upper Peninsula Health Department-\$68,024.50**

A Motion was made by Commissioner Janssen and seconded by Commissioner Britz to approve the three (3) above Appropriations as presented.

The Motion carried by the following vote.

YES: Janssen, Britz, Tikkanen, Anderson, Keranen 5.

NO: None 0.

d. Karhu Cyber-ARPA Funds \$9,351.79

A Motion was made by Commissioner Keranen and seconded by Commissioner Janssen to approve the \$9,351.79 payment to Karhu Cyber with ARPA funds as presented.

The Motion carried by the following vote.

YES: Keranen, Janssen, Tikkanen, Anderson, Britz 5.

NO: None. 0

Public Comments:

Faith Morrison stated she had concerns about no applications being accepted for the Administrator position and no notice to the public for the Constitutional Rights Resolution and making changes to the Resolution.

Cindy Barth thanked the Board for passing the Constitutional Rights Resolution.

Christina Seppala thanked the Board for passing the Constitutional Rights Resolution.

Jim Niemela thanked the Board for passing the Constitutional Rights Resolution.

William Lahti thanked the Board for passing the Constitutional Rights Resolution.

Kate Beer from the Health Department stated the Health Department does have health treatment opportunities, and requested the Board talk to Judge Brennan.

Sharon Foix thanked the Board for passing the Constitutional Rights Resolution.

Matt Keith thanked the Board for passing the Constitutional Rights Resolution.

Brian Mason thanked the Board and discussed the lack of treatment in Houghton County for overdosing.

Announcements:

Commissioner Keranen thanked Administrator Bjorn and welcomed Administrator Larson.

Adjournment:

A Motion was made by Commissioner Keranen and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to adjourn at 6:50 p.m.

The Motion carried by a voice vote. Ayes 5, Nays 0.

Tom Tikkanen, Chairman

Jennifer Kelly, County Clerk